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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/788,491	NAKANO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/22/04.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1,6-8,13,14 and 23-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,6-8,13,14 and 23-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Remarks**

1. The amendment filed on July 22, 2004 has been received and entered. Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 15-22 have been cancelled. Claims 24-26 have been newly added. Therefore, claims 1, 6-8, 13-14, and 23-26 are now pending.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 6-8, 13-14, and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the location" in lines 2 and 7, and the limitation "the network" in line 5, and the limitation "the correlation" in line 16. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim. Claim 1 contains numerous similar limitations/terms lacking antecedent basis.

Claims 6-8, 13-14, and 23-26 contain numerous similar limitations lacking antecedent basis. Correction is required.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1, 6-8, 13-14, and 23-26 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

5. The following is a statement of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record (D'Arlach et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,026,433-and Eggleston et al. - U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 –and - De La Huerga et al. -U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461-) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein the award entry information contains an input field in which the keyword is input and is described in HTML (HyperText Markup Language), and wherein the award entry information is highly correlated with the specific keyword contained in the web page in such a manner that the specific keyword is contained in a portion defined in a META tag described in HTML, as claimed in Independent claims 1, and 13.

Claims 6-7 are objected to as allowable over the prior art made of record, because they are dependent from the would be allowable independent claim 1.

The prior art of record (D'Arlach et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,026,433-and Eggleston et al. - U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 –and - De La Huerga et al. -U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein said keyword input page transmitting unit changes the entry keyword whenever said keyword input page transmitting unit transmits a web page containing the search keyword input field, as claimed in Independent claims 8, and 14.

The prior art of record (D'Arlach et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,026,433-and Eggleston et al. - U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 –and - De La Huerga et al. -U.S. Patent No. 5,895,461) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), a search keyword input field into which the keyword is input, and an award entry keyword; and a determining unit which determines whether the award entry keyword has been input to the award entry keyword input field, wherein the award entry keyword is changed whenever the search keyword input field is transmitted to a user, as claimed in Independent claims 23-26.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 703-305-8114. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on 703-305-3830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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